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1. An SED qualifying course for party propagandists from Berlin was held between 24 and 30 August 1952 in the Postfernmelde-Ausbildungsamt, Berlin, Scharnhorststrasse 5-7. About 120 students from various ministries and other governmental offices took part; Volkspolizei officers, several members of the Criminal Police and of the Ministry for State Security were also present. Each student was forbidden to use his surname with his colleagues.
2. The students were divided into six seminars, each of which studied the same material under the direction of instructors. The instructors were selected by the party Kreisleitung. The director of the school was an SED man, about 23 years old, who used the name Werner Suderoff. Names of the other instructors were given as:
 - a) Kurt Linne
 - b) Hanna Meier
 - c) (Knu) Schliesser
 - d) Margarete Kuhl
 - e) Fritz Wegener
3. Participants in the course are to propagandize and teach in SED courses which are soon to begin in ministries and nationalized industry. Of the 120 students, 83 received assignments to instruct in key industrial factories (Schwerpunktbetriebe). The remainder are to work as propagandists in the basic organizations of the SED and to hold themselves in readiness for special assignments. Each student received a notebook of selected material compiled by the Karl Marx Hochschule, Kleinmachnow.
4. At their graduation, the students were told by a representative of the Berlin SED Landesleitung that their sphere of activity would be increased in the foreseeable future and that several of their number would be selected for special assignments in West Germany. The students were told that it was not as important for them to register, arrest, and murder American and English-supported espionage and sabotage groups in West Berlin, as it was to ferret out the people involved and, in the

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near future, to carry out their deserved punishment. Participants who lived in West Berlin were given the special duty of finding out who such persons were.

5. Special emphasis was laid on the popularization of the national armed forces; the students were told not to neglect any opportunity for recruitment. It was stated that the officer corps (die Kader /das Offizierskorps/) would shortly be made up of only SED members; the so-called specialists, former members of the Wehrmacht, are to be accepted as Party candidates or, in cases of refusal, to be replaced. Attentiveness within and outside of factories was also emphasized; each suspicious argument is to be followed up and brought to the attention of the SED.

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